

The President has shown bold leadership in the war against terrorism, and now they are counting on him to show bold leadership on the economic front as well.

A bipartisan agreement in the Senate is within reach. It is up to the President to bring all parties together for a sensible, balanced economic package that is good for America. That is the challenge. Americans are watching and waiting.

I thank the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business for up to 5 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I will not take the full period of time. I want to make an announcement and inform the Senate family of something. Last night, we cleared through the Senate a national day of reconciliation to take place in the Senate and the House on December 4.

When we come back, hopefully we will not be in session too much past that, but at least on December 4, there will be a gathering between the House and Senate, and hopefully members of the Cabinet, as a time to support one another and to reconcile.

Historically, this was done 100 years ago, in particular at this time of the year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will try to see the minor differences that have separated us and see if we really cannot make amends with each other, and seek amends with our Creator, if there are things that separate us from Him as well. This is going to take place on December 4. It has passed the House and the Senate as a concurrent resolution. There is a group that is planning on working together to do this, along with the Chaplains of the two bodies.

I wanted to announce that to the Senate. Hopefully, there are people who will want to participate in this gathering. It is voluntary. It will be a private session. Nobody from outside the House, the Senate, or the administration, other than the two Chaplains, will participate. There will be no media present. It is a private, closed session. It will take place in the Rotunda.

It will take place between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on December 4. I hope people will mark it on their calendars. This can be a special time given the nature of what has happened in our country, this year in particular, with the events of September 11, with the anthrax scares, and with the plane that went down this week out of New York. We have had a lot of trial and trauma in this Nation. It has called upon us to unify and pull together. We need to continually do that.

This will be an effort for us to do just that—to reconcile with one another, to

reconcile with our Creator. I think it is an important model for us to show to the Nation. I hope people can participate in that as well.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho.

JAMES A. MCCLURE FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 220, S. 1459.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1459) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 550 West Fort Street in Boise, Idaho, as the "James A. McClure Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1459) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1459

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF JAMES A. MCCLURE FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE.

The Federal building and United States courthouse located at 550 West Fort Street in Boise, Idaho, shall be known and designated as the "James A. McClure Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building and United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the James A. McClure Federal Building and United States Courthouse.

Mr. CRAPO. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WAYNE LYMAN MORSE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 167, S. 1270.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1270) to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mill Street, in Eugene, Oregon, as the "Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse".

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1270) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1270

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF WAYNE LYMAN MORSE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE.

The United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mill Street in Eugene, Oregon, shall be known and designated as the "Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse.

AFGHAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN RELIEF ACT OF 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 203, S. 1573.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1573) to authorize the provision of educational and health care assistance to the women and children of Afghanistan.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 2158

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there is an amendment proposed by Senator HUTCHISON of Texas, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], for Mrs. HUTCHISON, proposes an amendment numbered 2158.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the reporting and funding provisions)

Beginning on page 4, strike line 19 and all that follows through page 5, line 16, and insert the following:

(2) Beginning 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, and at least annually for the 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives describing the activities carried out under this Act and otherwise describing the condition and status of